

THE BELLINGER TRIAL.

The Case Heard Before Judge Cochran and a Jury in Charleston—Synopsis of the Evidence—The Result.

The trial of Dr. A. N. Bellinger for the killing of Stephen Riley on the 22nd of October last, was held before Judge Cochran in Charleston last week, commencing on Tuesday. Solicitor J. J. Bellinger appeared for the State, while the defense was represented by Messrs. Mitchell & Smith and the Hon. A. G. Magrath. After several challenges a jury, composed of twelve white men, was empaneled at two o'clock.

Witness for the State was Dr. Kinloch, who simply described the five wounds—two in the head and three in the body.

W. W. DeVaux described the encounter—or so much of it as he saw. He stated that Riley was advancing on Dr. Bellinger with his head down and his right arm outstretched, and that Dr. B. fired five times rapidly. Riley fell, and Dr. Bellinger walked off.

James Wells, colored, stated the circumstances of the encounter, and swore that after Dr. Bellinger had walked off, he saw Riley rise and then go to Dr. Bellinger's house, and that after he fell Dr. Bellinger shot him three times.

Selina Carter, colored, described the difficulty of the night before the killing, but her account did not greatly differ from Dr. Bellinger's, summarized below. She saw Riley go out, being in the house, and then go to Riley's pistol and raised the alarm. When she got to Riley he was dead.

Alexander Williams, colored, stated that he saw the morning encounter, and after Dr. Bellinger shot Riley twice (a witness saw him standing over Riley's prostrate body, and fire three times).

Joseph Cain testified to the encounter, and said he saw Dr. Bellinger "stagger back," and fire, and that the Doctor fired twice into Riley's prostrate body, and snatched a pistol after that.

Joseph Kennedy, colored, brought out nothing new. He denied that he said before the coroner that Dr. B. retreated from Riley into the middle of the street, and then fired.

The State then closed its case. Dr. A. N. Bellinger, the defendant, was now sworn. He stated that on the night before the killing he was in the streets, attending to his regular professional business, and that when he came to a point on Bull street, between Smith and Rutledge, he found Riley lying on the ground, cursing. He said to the man (whom he found to be Riley), "You ought to be ashamed of beating that horse in that manner; why don't you lead him on?"

Riley became angry and abused, cursed the defendant, and then came on him with a knife in his hand. Defendant went off, leaving Riley cursing and threatening.

The morning of the homicide, defendant went on his usual rounds, on no unusual route, and fearing violence from Riley, put a pistol in his pocket. He met Riley at the corner of Bull and Smith streets. He saw Riley with his back to the fence, his arms akimbo and legs stretched apart and glaring at him in this manner. As I got opposite to him he said: "Look you at a gentleman, but I said that such a mistake in my life; you are a d-d white—". That was pretty galling. I turned and I said: "Riley, this thing has got to stop here. You cursed me shamefully last night and threatened me. Now you have got to retract that." Riley said: "I don't retract nothing; I am talking in now. Preserving the same position, he said: 'I have got nothing to retract, and I won't take back anything,' and he said: 'If you want to fight I am a better man than you are in a fight, you are a d-d white; I don't want to fight, but you have got to take these things back,' and he said 'Q-d-a-n-yon, I will give you a l-an-yon,' and with that he made a rush at me, and as I stepped back, having on low-cut shoes, my foot turned and I stumbled off the pavement and my hat fell off. I then jumped back a couple of steps into the street, and when I looked again he (Riley) was coming at me with his knife in his hand, so (Witness indicated the position thus: Head bent down, his foot turned and up as a shield, and the right hand holding the knife in it drawn back.)

Q. Was the knife open?
A. Yes, open.
Q. In which hand?
A. Right hand.
Q. Had you lost sight of him when you stumbled?
A. Yes, my hat fell off and I lost sight of him for a moment. I then backed nearly to the middle of the street, and he followed rushing at me with his knife drawn so (indicating as above). I then stepped back, my pistol. It was a self-loading pistol, and as I pulled the trigger until he fell to the ground. I then picked up my hat, wiped it with the tail of my coat and walked back to Capt. Dawson's house.

(After stating that he started down town to deliver himself up, but after going to Capt. Dawson's house, he turned back, went home, and informed his wife of what had happened, the prisoner testified as follows):
Q. How far was Riley from you when you fired the first shot?
A. I can't say how close, but he was very close, and I made very accurate calculations under those circumstances. I kept backing and kept pulling the trigger and running backwards. He rushed at me with his head bent down and a knife in his hand.

Q. Where were you when you fired the first shot?
A. I was about the middle of the street, and I was back of that before I stopped. I never removed my hand from the trigger. I kept on firing.
Q. Where was he when you fired the first shot?
A. He was right on top of me.
Q. Was he advancing?
A. He was rushing at me. The last shot that I fired I was a further distance, because he was backing and running.

Q. If you had not fired what would he have done?
A. He would have cut my throat. He could have taken me and held me at arm's length and cut my throat. I have not as much strength as when I was 15. He could have held me off at arm's length and I could not have reached him by six inches.

Q. What was his condition?
A. He was in a violent rage. He cursed me, had threatened to kill me and I was simply defending my life.
Solicitor Jervay said he had no questions to ask the witness.

T. P. Doyle testified that he saw Dr. Bellinger and Riley out in the street. Dr. B. was retreating, and Riley was making after him with an open knife in his hand. Did not see firing, but heard it. Witness's horse then jumped off and carried him out of sight.

Dr. Andrew Simonds, H. H. DeLeon and Alexander McLoyle testified to the good reputation and peaceable character of the defendant.

Hugh Murray testified that he saw Riley at the railroad depot coming along after the night fuss, and Riley told him that he (Riley) had cursed Dr. B. about his interference with him, and had also threatened him.

J. G. DeVaux said he saw Dr. B. retreating from Riley, and then saw four or five shots fired in rapid succession.

The evidence of Kennedy before the coroner was put in, to contradict his statement as to what he then said.

James Kelly and J. C. Hemphill stated that they saw and talked with Bellinger about 9 o'clock on the morning of the homicide, and he was in his usual good humor, not excited. (The killing occurred about eleven o'clock.)

This closed the evidence. Mr. Smith proposed to submit the case without argument, but the Solicitor declined. Arguments were then made by Judge Magrath, Mr. Mitchell and the Solicitor.

On Thursday the case went to the jury, after the charge of the Judge. They retired at 2.40 p. m. At 7 p. m., the Judge told them that if they agreed by verdict, they would receive their verdict—otherwise they could remain. At that hour they had made no sign, and they were locked up till next morning.

CAPITAL SOCIAL GOSSIP.

Whitney and Bayard to Contest for Social Supremacy—Points About Other Leaders.

(Washington Letter in Cleveland Leader.) Secretary Whitney will contest with Bayard for the most popular social position in the country during the coming season. He has rented the old Frelinghuysen mansion, which was the social center of Mr. Arthur's administration, and is adding a large ball-room for this winter's entertainments. This ball-room will be nearly as big as the city hall, and will be hung with gilded tapestries. Whitney has more money than Bayard, and though he cannot cook the terrapin for his dinner himself like the Secretary of State, he can hire a French cook who will probably equal him in taste and ought not to expect to save much out of his salary as Secretary of State, even if he does do his own cooking.

His position demands more social work than any other outside of that of the President, and he is a person who is not likely to get any money in it. Mr. Bayard paid out \$20,000 more than his salary while he was Secretary of State under Hayes, thus making his four years cost him \$82,000. Bayard will get through on this, but he has a family and he wears good clothes, and he has a stomach to save anything on \$8,000 a year.

Vice-President Hendricks will live at Willard's during the coming season. This living at a hotel by a prominent official has of late been looked down upon by Washington society, but Mr. Hendricks is such an admirer of Bayard that he will probably be popular.

The fact that Mrs. Logan has a house might lead to the supposition that she was going to enter the race for the coming season. I don't think she will have as many callers as when she was in the stuffy little boarding-house on Twelfth street. She is too much out of the way, and it is a Sabbath day's journey to get to her. The result will be that her calling list will be reduced to the few who really want to see her, and that it will rather select than large.

Henry B. Payne will keep house next year, and I understand he has a house on Vermont avenue near the railroad. This will not be a great distance from his social headquarters. Whitney will assist her mother in many of her receptions. Whitney's actions in regard to entertainment lead to the suggestion that Henry B. Payne where young Whitney should be the presidential candidate for 1888, and that his father-in-law may make him his heir to his Presidential support.

The opportunities for such a post-presidential campaign are excellent. There is plenty of money in Whitney-Payne's "bar" to run it well, and Whitney comes from a right State to make a good Democratic candidate. This is worth thinking about, and please don't forget it.

A MISPLACED SWITCH.
A frightful wreck occurred at Blue-stone quarry near Pittsburgh, Pa., on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at seven o'clock on Thursday morning. Train No. 12, through express from Baltimore to Pittsburgh, consisting of a sleeper, two coaches, two baggage and one express car, ran into a misplaced switch and was completely wrecked. The sleeper rolled over an embankment into the Allegheny river. The other cars were upset and the whole train was detached from the engine. Sixteen persons were injured but none killed outright.

The report of the wreck reached Pittsburgh about 9 o'clock and caused great excitement, as it was known that many prominent men of Pittsburgh were expected on the train. The accident disarranged the telegraph wires and it was after 10 o'clock before the following particulars of the accident were received:

The express train was about fifteen minutes late when it reached the place where the wreck occurred. At Blue-stone quarry the track makes a sharp curve around the river. A short distance back from the bank there is a switch at the commencement of the curve, and the engine was known to be on the switch party open, and it is not certain. The officials of the road say the switch had been tampered with, evidently with the intention of causing a wreck. Had the switch been open the train would have gone into it and the wreck would have been avoided. As it was, the train could go on neither track. The result was that the engine dashed along the ties, tearing up the track and causing the coaches and sleeping cars to break loose and dash on over the embankment in the Allegheny river. The confusion was great. Those who escaped uninjured were too much startled for a time to render assistance. Then they began the rescue. A messenger was sent to Corneilleville for medical assistance, and in a short time a corps of physicians was sent up on a horse car.

The injured, after having their wounds dressed, were removed to the hotels at Corneilleville, where they received every attention that could be given them by the railroad company. The wreck caused great excitement at Corneilleville, and for hours afterwards people hurried to the scene of the accident. The track was blocked and torn so badly that no trains got through until after noon.

Good for the Child.
The ailments of childhood need careful attention and wise treatment. Some people think "anything is good enough for a child, and there isn't much the matter with it anyhow." But judicious mothers know better, and do as Mrs. H. W. Perry, of Richmond, Va., does. She says: "I take Brown's Iron Bitters and give it to my children with the most satisfactory results." Sold everywhere.

The State Fair in Columbia was a grand success. In number and variety the exhibits were quite as good as usual, and the crowd was immense.

A Bitten and Dead Woman.
Miss Minnie Wallace, of Atlanta, lost her hearing, her sight and her taste. Sores covered her body and limbs. Her joints were swollen and painful, her limbs paralyzed, appetite lost, and she was sinking out of her life. She was cured by a course of treatment, and she is now a well woman. Write to her.

A prominent Alabama physician said: "A patient who was almost dying from the effects of Rheumatism, who had been treated by several noted physicians without benefit, used one dozen bottles of B. B. B. and was entirely cured. He had restored her sight and hearing, relieved all aches and pains, added flesh and strength and she is now a well woman. Write to her."

An organization has been formed by Boston ladies for the study of politics. They think they see the right of suffrage extended to them in the near future.

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

Report of the United States Agricultural Department on Cotton, Corn, Hay, Potatoes &c. for the 1st of November.

The crop report of the National department of agriculture says that the cotton returns of November are local estimates of the yield per acre. They are somewhat higher than those of the last two years, but materially lower than those of 1881 and 1882. The increase over the yield of last year is most marked in Tennessee and Georgia. In Arkansas and Tennessee, where the average yield is unusually high, the rate depressed by untimely and high condition of August and September. The rate of yield by States is as follows:

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